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Dr. Hayes-Bautista has an important voice in the statewide and national dialogue concerning the provision and access to health care. He is the faculty advisor for the UCLA/Drew chapter of the Latino Medical Student Association, the pre-medical group Chicanos/Latinos for Community Medicine (CCM) and is a senior advisor to the California Latino Medical Association. Dr. Hayes-Bautista is a prolific scholar and his research appears in a variety of medical journals including Family Medicine, the American Journal of Public Health, Family Practice, Academic Medicine and Salud Pública de México. Some of his published books include The Burden of Support: Young Latinos in an Aging Society, Healing Latinos: Fantasia y Realidad and La Nueva California: Latinos in the Golden State. Academic Medicine recently accepted a follow-up to his 2000 paper on the decreasing Latino physician supply and its impact on Latino access to linguistically, culturally competent care. Dr. Hayes-Bautista writes columns for the Los Angeles Times and La Opinion, and is often asked to provide opinions on radio and television in both Spanish and English.

Dr. Hayes-Bautista’s most recent book El Cinco de Mayo: An American Tradition is published by U.C. Press. During the academic year, he travels to selected colleges and universities to share his research on Cinco de Mayo through the Cinco de Mayo University Speaker Series. For the past five years, he has been chosen one of the 101 Top Leaders of the Latino Community in the U.S. by Latino Leaders Magazine. In 2012, he received the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Herbert W. Nickens Award for his lifelong concerns about the educational, societal, and health care needs of underrepresented groups. In 2013, Charles Drew University of Medicine awarded Dr. Hayes-Bautista with an Honorary Doctoral Degree of Humane Letters.